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MOSCOW FOR RSO

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SUMMARY: ELEVATOR INSTALLATION WILL BEGIN JUNE 2 WITH ARRIVAL  
FLOHR-OTIS TECHNICIAN. WITH SCHEDULED SUPPORT, INSTALLATION SHOULD  
BE FINISHED SEPT 13. END SUMMARY.

1. OTIS ELEVATOR ENGINEER ON APRIL 10-11 CONDUCTED INSPECTION OF ALL  
MATERIALS DELIVERED FOR THIS PROJECT AND CONCLUDED ALL ESSENTIAL  
COMPONENTS ARE ON POST AND IN ACCEPTABLE CONDITION. INSPECTION OF  
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SHAFT AND RELATED PRELIMINARY CONSTRUCTION REVEALED THE FOLLOWING.

A. THE CAISSON IN THE SUB-BASEMENT IS OF IMPROPER DIMENSIONS. IT WAS APPARENTLY ALREADY IN PLACE BEFORE FLOHR-OTIS ENGINEER MADE SITE SURVEY AND DREW UP SPECIFICATIONS FOR ELEVATOR. IN SHORT, THE WIDTH IS WHERE THE LENGTH SHOULD BE, AND VISE VERSA. WE HAVE PROPOSED TO SOVIETS THAT THEY ENLARGE LENGTH BY DIGGING OUT CONCRETE FILLING BETWEEN CAISSON WALL AND SHAFT WALL, CONTRUCT NEW PORTION OF CAISSON, AND THEN JOIN NEW ONE WITH EXITSTING KAISSON. THEY ARE STUDYING PROBLEM, BUT ARE DUBIOUS DUE TO DANGER OF GROUND WATER INCURSION DURING EXCAVATION PROCESS. SOVIET RESPONSE EXPECTED SOON. THE ADDITIONAL SPACE IS REQUIRED TO PERMIT FREE MOVEMENT OF COUNTER-WEIGHTS. IF SOVIETS UNABLE TO ENLARGE CAISSON TO DESIRED LENGTH, COMPROMISE WOULD RESULT IN LOSS OF ELEVATOR STOP AT BASEMENT. WILL REPORT SOVIET RESPONSE ON RECEIPT. FLOHR-OTIS ENGINEER FULLY AWARE OF SITUATION.

B. EQUIPMENT ROOM PREPARATION INVOLVING APPROXIMATELY 50 TONS OF CONCRETE. WORK HAS STARTED AND IS EXPECTED TO BE FINISHED BY MAY 1.

C. ANCHOR HOLES MUST BE KNOCKED OUT IN ELEVATOR SHAFT TO FACILITATE SECURING OF CABIN AND COUNTER WEIGHT RAILS. THIS QAS IN ORIGINAL PLANS DURING CONSTRUCTION OF SHAFT BUT MISSED.

2. WE RECEIVED WORD FROM FLOHR-OTIS COMPANY THAT ELEVATOR ERECTION MECHANIC ETA IS JUNE 2. ALL SCHEDULING WILL BE BASED ON THIS DATE.

3. THIS PROJECT PRESENTS MANY SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS WHICH MUST BE SATISFIED. AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH RSO, MOSCOW, IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE FOLLOWING SUPPORT BE PROVIDED FOR THIS WORK AND OTHER PROJECTS TO FOLLOW.

A. TWO BUILDER SEABEES TO ARRIVE ON OR ABOUT MAY 21. ESTIMATED DEPARTURE ON ONE BU IS SEPT 13 AND THE OTHER OCT 3. THIS EARLY ARRIVAL DATE IS TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION OF TEMPORARY PLYDOOD WALLS TO MASK SENSITIVE AREAS AND THIS SAME MATERIAL TO BE LATER USED FOR ATTIC CHILLER CORRECTIONAL WORK. THESE MEN WILL BE CALLED UPON TO DO THE PRELIMINAYR ELEVATOR SHAFT WORK AND SUBSEQUENT ERECTION OF SCAFFOLDING, DEPENDING UPON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE MASK

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ING WALLS. THE LATE DEPARTURE OF ONE BUILDER IS DUE TO THE REQUIRE-  
MENT OF HIS ASSISTANCE IN THE CHILLER AND EMERGENCY GENERATOR EXHAUST  
PROJECTS.

B. ONE CONSTRUCTION ELECTRICIAN TO ARRIVE ANY DAY OF THE WEEK  
OF JUNE 2. IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT ELECTRICAL WORK WILL BE READY TO  
COMMENCE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ARRIVAL OF THE OTIS MECHANIC. ESTIMATE  
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DEPARTURE IS SEPT 13.

C. ONE STEEL WORKER TO ARRIVE ANY DAY OF THE WEEK OF JUNE 2  
FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED REASON. ESTIMATED DEPARTURE DATE IS OCT 3.  
ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED OF THIS MAN FOR THE CHILLER AND EXHAUST PRO-  
JECTS. THIS DEPARTURE COULD BE EARLIER IF THE SOVIET ASSISTANCE IS  
EFFECTIVE.

D. TWO SURVEILLANCE MARINES TO ARRIVE ON JUNE 1 TO COVER  
DISTORTIONS TO CONGEN BUILDING AND SURVEILLANCE OF GERMAN NATIONAL  
MECHANIC. RSO, MOSCOW, HAS AGREED TO RELINQUISH ONE MSG FROM HIS  
POST FOR THE REQUIRED DURATION BUT THIS IS DEPENDENT UPON RMO APPROVA  
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AND FUNDING. SECOND MARINE WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE PROVIDED BY RMO.  
ESTIMATED DEPARTURE DATE SEPT 13.

4. WE PLAN AN ELEVATOR OPENING EVENT ON SEPT 13 AND WOULD BE  
DISAPPOINTED IF THE MEN WHO MADE THIS POSSIBLE COULD NOT ATTEND.  
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